

Republic of Korea-United States Combined Forces Command, and United States Forces Korea.

AMTRAK

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings to examine the future of intercity passenger rail service and Amtrak, focusing on the company's fiscal year 2004 budget request, a rail system based on restructured federal/state/private roles and corridor services, partnerships among states and the federal government, securing federal funding sources, redesigning long-distance trains to complement corridor services and minimize operating losses, long term debt, and operating and capital needs, after receiving testimony from Michael P. Jackson, Deputy Secretary, and Kenneth M. Mead, Inspector General, both of the Department of Transportation; David L. Gunn, President and Chief Executive Officer, Amtrak; David D. King, North Carolina Department of Transportation, Raleigh, on behalf of States for Passenger Rail Coalition; John H. Winner, Harral, Winner, Thompson, Sharp, Lawrence, Inc., Potomac, Maryland; Hank Dittmar, Great American Station Foundation, Las Vegas, New Mexico, on behalf of Reconnecting America; Alan Landes, Herzog Transit Services, St. Joseph, Missouri; and Michael P. Pracht, Railway Supply Institute, Alexandria, Virginia.

BUSINESS MEETING: COMPREHENSIVE ENERGY LEGISLATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee met to consider comprehensive energy legislation, focusing on provisions relating to Indian energy policy and programs, research and development, and transportation fuels, including alternative fuel programs,

but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again on Wednesday, April 30.

NATO ENLARGEMENT

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings to examine the developing situations in the Middle East and on the Korean Peninsula, and a resolution of ratification to the Accession Protocols that will expand the NATO Alliance to include Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia, and Slovenia, after receiving testimony from Colin L. Powell, Secretary of State.

SARS

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded hearings to examine the status of the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome threat, after receiving testimony from Julie L. Gerberding, Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services; and James G. Young, Ontario Ministry of Public Safety and Security, Canada.

ASSISTED LIVING REPORT

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded hearings to examine the Assisted Living Workgroup's report entitled "Assuring Quality in Assisted Living: Guidelines for Federal and State Policy, State Regulation, and Operations," after receiving testimony from Stephen McConnell, Alzheimer's Association, Washington, D.C.; Dan B. Madsen, Leisure Care, Inc., Bellevue, Washington, on behalf of the American Seniors Housing Association; and Robert L. Mollica, National Academy for State Health Policy, Portland, Maine.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 37 public bills, H.R. 1835–1871; 1 private bill, H.R. 1872; and 6 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 156–157, and H. Res. 204–207, were introduced. **Pages H3450–52**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H3452–54**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows: H.R. 810, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide regulatory relief and contracting flexibility under the Medicare Program, amended (H. Rept. 108–74, Pt. 2);

H.R. 1350, to reauthorize the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, amended (Rept. 108–77);

H.R. 1346, to amend the Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act to provide an additional function of the Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy relating to encouraging Federal procurement policies that enhance energy efficiency, amended (H. Rept. 108–78 Pt. 1); and

H. Res. 206, providing for consideration of H.R. 1350, to reauthorize the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (H. Rept. 108–79). **Page H3450**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Biggert to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H3409**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Edward J. Burns, Executive Director, Secretariat for Vocations and Priestly Formation, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. **Page H3409**

Capitol Preservation Commission: Read a letter from Representative Ehlers wherein he appointed Representative Mica to be his designee on the Capitol Preservation Commission. **Page H3411**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Recognizing Operation Respect and the "Don't Laugh At Me" Programs: H. Res. 161, amended, recognizing the achievements of Operation Respect, the "Don't Laugh At Me" programs, and Peter Yarrow. Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "Resolution recognizing the achievements of Operation Respect and the 'Don't Laugh At Me' programs."; **Pages H3411–15**

Commending Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE): H. Res. 107, amended, commending and supporting the efforts of Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE), the world's preeminent collegiate free enterprise organization, and its president, Alvin Rohrs. Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "Resolution commending and supporting the efforts of Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE), the world's preeminent collegiate free enterprise organization."; **Pages H3415–17**

Ongoing Contributions of Charter Schools: H. Res. 204, congratulating charter schools across the United States, and the students, parents, teachers, and administrators of such schools, for their ongoing contributions to education (agreed to by yeas and nays vote of 403 yeas with none voting "nay" and 5 voting present, Roll No. 146); **Pages H3417–20, H3432–33**

175th Anniversary of the Capitol Police: H. Con. Res. 156, extending congratulations to the United States Capitol Police on the occasion of its 175th anniversary and expressing gratitude to the men and women of the United States Capitol Police and their families for their devotion to duty and service in safeguarding the freedoms of the American people (agreed to by yeas and nays vote of 409 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 147); **Pages H3420–22, H3433–34**

Support for Patriots' Day and Honoring the Nation's First Patriots: H. Con. Res. 149, expressing support for the celebration of Patriots' Day on April 19th and honoring the Nation's first patriots (agreed

to by yeas and nays vote of 411 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 148). Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "Concurrent Resolution expressing support for the celebration of Patriots' Day and honoring the Nation's first patriots."; **Pages H3422–25, H3434**

Centennial Anniversary of the National Wildlife Refuge System: H. Res. 173, recognizing the achievements and contributions of the National Wildlife Refuge System on the occasion of its centennial anniversary and expressing strong support for the continued success of the National Wildlife Refuge System; **Pages H3425–28**

Gila River Indian Community Judgment Fund Distribution: S. 162, to provide for the use and distribution of certain funds awarded to the Gila River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community—clearing the measure for the President; and **Pages H3428–31**

Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge Expansion: H.R. 274, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire the property in Cecil County, Maryland, known as Garrett Island for inclusion in the Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge. **Pages H3431–32**

Recess: The House recessed at 4:28 p.m. and reconvened at 6:34 p.m. **Page H3432**

Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 205, electing Representative Putnam to the Committee on Resources. **Page H3435**

United States—China Security Review Commission: Read a letter from the Minority Leader wherein she announced her reappointment of Mr. George Becker of Pennsylvania, for a term to expire on December 31, 2005 and Mr. Michael Wessel of Virginia for a term to expire on December 31, 2004. **Page H3435**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yeas and nays votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H3432–33, H3433–34, H3434. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISSING, EXPLOITED AND RUNAWAY YOUTH

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Select Education held a hearing entitled "Missing, Exploited and Runaway Youth: Strengthening the System." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.